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City Enters Into Partnership With Harley-Davidson

The City of Sturgis recently entered into a long-term partnership agreement with Harley-Davidson of Milwaukee, WI. The agreement names Harley-Davidson as the Official Motorcycle of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

"For decades, Harley-Davidson was the unofficial motorcycle of Sturgis, and now, it gives me great pleasure to solidify its status as the official motorcycle of the 75th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and each one to follow through 2090," said Mark Carstensen, Mayor of Sturgis, S.D.

"Harley-Davidson riders have attended the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally for decades. This new agreement will help fuel another 75 years of freedom, independence and rebellion for this iconic gathering," said Matt Levatich, president and chief operating officer at Harley-Davidson. "Riding is a passion passed down through generations, so it's important we celebrate the legacy and history of Harley-Davidson in Sturgis, while helping to create new memories."

To commemorate the partnership, a new plaza will be constructed at the corner of Second and Main Street in Sturgis. The plaza will provide an area for riders, tourists and the community to gather and celebrate. To ensure the lasting legacy of Harley-Davidson, the plaza will integrate bricks from the company's Milwaukee headquarters, a building that once housed the company's first permanent factory dating back nearly 100 years. Construction of the plaza will begin this spring and the plaza will be open for the 75th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally anniversary.



City Elections Scheduled for April 14, 2015

City elections are scheduled for Tuesday, April 14. The 2015 elections will be for City Council members only. The Mayoral election will not take place until 2016. Ward 1 incumbent Kelly Vasknetz, Ward 2 incumbent Marcia Johnston, Ward 3 incumbent Ron Waterland and Ward 4 incumbent Tim Potts will be up for re-election. All elected officials serve three year terms.

Petitions to run for office may be picked up at the Finance Office in City Hall starting January 30. Valid petitions must be turned in at the Finance Office in City Hall no later than February 27 at 5:00 p.m. The number of required signatures varies by ward and is based on the number of voters in the last general election as determined by the City Finance Officer.

Sample ballots and absentee ballots will be available at City Hall and on the City website by March 30.

The deadline for voter registration is March 30 at 5:00 p.m. If you are not currently a registered voter, you may register at several locations including Sturgis City Hall and the Meade County Auditor's Office. If you are not sure of your registration status, you can contact the Meade County Auditor's Office at 347-2360. You can view a ward map on the City website at Sturgis-sd.gov. You can only vote for candidates running in the ward where you live. Polls will be open at the Sturgis Community Center, 1401 Lazelle Street from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14. All voters are required to show a valid photo ID at the poll.



Upcoming Events and Activities

City Offices will be closed on February 16 for Presidents Day. Trash normally picked up on Monday will be collected on Tuesday.

History at High Noon - February 20 at noon in the Program Room. Speaker Mary Livingston of Whitewood will be presenting "Three New Books".

City of Sturgis Public Works

The Sturgis Public Works Department is now on Facebook. Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date on plowing/sanding schedules and routes, disruptions in services, holiday schedules and project updates. Questions and comments are welcome!

<https://www.facebook.com/cityofsturgispublicworks>



Upcoming Meetings

Sturgis City Council: February 2 and 17 at 6:30pm at the Erskine Building.

Planning and Zoning: February 3 at 5:30pm at City Hall.

Park Board: February 10 at 7:00pm at the Meade County Extension Office.

Sturgis Area Arts Council: February 12 at 7:00pm at the Library. This meeting is open to the public.

Library Board - February 25 at 4:00pm in the Library.

Officials

Mayor

Mark Carstensen 490-1044

Council Members

Ward One:

Mike Bachand 490-1054

Kelly Vasknetz 490-0361

Ward Two:

David Hersrud 347-5061

Marcia Johnston 347-2483

Ward Three:

Jason Anderson 490-1618

Ron Waterland 720-5010

Ward Four:

Branden Bestgen 644-6005

Tim Potts 720-4233

City Manager

Daniel Ainslie 347-4422

Mountain Pine Beetles Still Active In Our Area

The Sturgis Parks Department first began monitoring Pine Beetle activity in and around the City in the spring of 2011. Since that time, over 200 trees have been identified and removed from the city and on the watershed property south of town.

According to Parks Superintendent Gene Stock, the beetle activities fluxuate each year with 2014 showing an increase in beetle activity. Stock explains that the activity seen within the city often reflects the beetle activity on forested areas located outside City limits. Beetles generally fly up to 300 feet when they leave their old habitat to infest a new tree. Depending on the wind direction and other weather related factors, beetles may move quite a distance from one year to the next or they may fly and end up almost right where they started. The City works with the US Forest Service to monitor and remove infected trees located within 300 feet of city property.

The City has taken steps to prevent infestation by spraying several of the mature trees located in and around the Bear Butte Cemetery. The spraying does have a positive effect on controlling the beetles but trees need to be sprayed on an annual basis.

LED Stop Signs Installed

Sturgis Public Works recently installed two LED stop signs on Junction at Main Street.

This intersection has a history of stop sign violations, especially from motorists travelling north on Junction. In many instances, the motorist is focusing on the traffic signal at Junction and Lazelle and they fail to see the stop sign at Main Street.

Having explored several options with the Department of Transportation, the best solution came in the form of LED signage.

Each standard 30" sign (one north bound and one south bound) has flashing red lights powered by a solar controller. The LED lights are very bright even in the daytime hours. The intersection will also receive a grooved and taped crosswalk when the Main Street project takes place in 2016.



**Sturgis Public Library
Calling All Local Quilters!**

The 5th Annual Sturgis Area Arts Council Quilt Show will be in the Sturgis Public Library during the month of March.

This year the show will feature only smaller items such as wall hangings, table runners and lap size quilts.

To enter - bring your items to the library no later than Friday, February 27th. The quilt show items will be displayed for the month of March.

For more information, please contact Ruth Mechling at 720-2293 or Marilyn Bates at 720-3189.

At the Library in February

- **History at High Noon** - February 20 at noon in the Program Room. Speaker Mary Livingston of Whitewood will be presenting "Three New Books".
- **Featured Artists** - Sturgis Williams Middle School students. Stop by and check out a variety of artwork on display during the month of February.
- **Star Wars Jedi Training Academy** - Saturday, February 21, 1:00-2:00pm. Join us for an hour of Jedi Training fun! Limited openings, call the library to RSVP.

Attention Contractors

Contractor license renewals are due the first of January each year. All contractors working within the city limits are required to be licensed. Please contact Sturgis City Hall or the Building Inspector if you have not yet renewed your license for 2015.

Fort Meade Road Connector Update

The Sturgis Chamber will host a community forum to discuss the proposed county Tax Increment Finance District (TIFD) for the Meade County connector road (Fort Meade Way).

When: Thursday, February 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Sturgis Community Center Theater, 1401 Lazelle Street.

The forum will feature representatives from the Meade County Commission, Meade County School District, and Meade County Taxpayers for Responsible Government. This event is open to the public.

The vote regarding the TIF District will be held on March 3, 2015. More information about the proposed TIFD including a map of the district can be found on the Meade County website at <http://www.meadecounty.org/news-releases>.



Community Garden registration information is now available on the city website. A 10 x 20 garden space is \$25.00. Returning members can register starting March 2. New members can register starting April 1.

The Kiwanis Food Pantry is now open in their new location at 801 Sixth Street. Thank You to everyone who helped make this permanent home a reality.



Important Safety Reminder

Railroad tracks are on private property owned by the railroad company. This means that you may not play, walk, in-line skate, ride a bike or a snowmobile on railroad property. In addition to it being illegal to trespass on railroad property, it is also unsafe.



We are sorry to report that the IRS will not be providing tax forms and other information to the library this year. You will need to download all forms, tax tables and instructions from the IRS website at www.irs.gov/forms. You may also call the IRS at 1-800-829-3676 and request to have forms mailed to your home.

The City now accepts all major credit cards for utility payments, building permits and zoning fees.

Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422
City Attorney 347-4422
Code Enforcement and Inspections 347-4422

Finance Office 347-4422
Human Resources 347-4422
Rally Department 720-0800
1040 2nd Street

Community Center 347-6513
5:00 - 9:00 Mon. - Fri.
8:00 - 8:00 Sat.
Noon - 8:00 Sun.
1401 Lazelle Street

Fire & Ambulance 347-5801
Emergency 911
7:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1901 Ballpark Road

Library 347-2624
8:00 - 7:00 Mon. - Thur.
8:30 - 5:00 Fri.
8:30 - 4:00 Sat.
1040 2nd Street

Liquor Store 347-5983
8:00 - 10:00 Mon. - Sat.
10:00 - 6:00 Sun.
1075 Lazelle Street

Parks Department 347-9018
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1920 Ballpark Road
Shelter Reservations call 347-4422

Police Department 347-5070
Emergency 911
1400 Main Street

Public Works 347-3916
7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri.
1057 Dudley Street
Rubble Site 347-5605
8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Sat.
20492 Avalanch Road

Water Department 347-4422
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1040 2nd Street
After Hours Emergency call
Police Dispatch 347-2573
Payment Drop Box:
City Hall 1040 2nd Street